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FRANCE: EMISSARY BEING SENT TO MEET WITH SARKIS

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(TEXT) FRANCE HAS JUST TAKEN AN INITIATIVE TO END WITHOUT DELAY THE BOMBARDMENTS AND FIGHTING IN LEBANON, AN ELYSEE COMMUNIQUE STATES. TOMORROW, A FRENCH EMISSARY WILL BE SENT TO BEIRUT TO MEET WITH LEBANESE PRESIDENT ILYAS SARKIS.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS AGAIN SAID THAT IT IS PREPARED TO PLACE ITSELF AT LEBANON'S SIDE SO THAT COUNTRY'S INTEGRITY, UNITY AND INDEPENDENCE CAN AGAIN BE A REALITY. IT MUST ALSO BE NOTED THAT FRANCE DEPLORES THE FACT THAT TWO CEASE-FIRES HAVE NOT HAD SIGNIFICANT RESULTS, THAT FRANCE (EXTENDS A WARNING) AGAINST THE FIGHTING IN BEIRUT, AND FINALLY, THAT IN THIS COMMUNIQUE, FRANCE SOLEMNLY ASKS ISRAEL TO END THE BOMBARDMENTS AND FIGHTING WITHOUT DELAY.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THIS FRENCH INITIATIVE DOES NOT DEMAND AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE LEBANESE TERRITORIES WHICH HAVE BEEN INVADED, CONTRARY TO WHAT THE KREMLIN DEMANDED THIS AFTERNOON IN SPEAKING OF AN INSOLENT ISRAELI AGGRESSION.

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